Facilities at SEZs

3112. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K.M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 'Special Economic Zones' set up in the country, State-wise, with special reference to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the response of private parties/exporter in setting up of their units in these Zones;

(c) whether any 'State of Art' infrastructure facilities have been provided at these Zones;

(d) the total amount of FDI attracted by the Zones; and

(e) the type of industries/product specific units set up in Zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) In the Export and Import Policy announced in March, 2000, the Government has introduced a policy for setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country. As per the policy, the Central Government is not to set up any new SEZs. The scheme, however, envisages setting up of SEZ in the public, private, joint sectors or by the State Governments. Further, existing Export Processing Zones could also be converted into Special Economic Zones. In accordance with this policy, four Export Processing Zones located at Santa Cruz (Maharashtra), Cochin (Kerala), Kandla and Surat (Gujarat) have been converted into SEZs on 1.11.2000, which are functional. In addition, approvals have been granted for setting up of 13 SEZs, including a SEZ at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh promoted by the State Government on the basis of proposal received from them.

(b) to (e) The approved SEZs aim to provide world class infrastructure for export production. However, it is too early to

assess the entrepreneurial response, likely FDI investments and the profile of the units likely to come up in the SEZs as the new integrated Zones are at the initial stages of implementation.

Value of exports and imports

†3113. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exports of the country are increasing constantly;

(b) if so, the value of imports and exports made during 1990-91;

(c) the value of imports and exports made during the year 2000-2001; and

(d) the gap between imports and exports in foreign trade during both of the above periods and the reasons for increase in this gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) Yes, Sir. Except for the years, 1991-92 & 1998-99, the over all export growth of the country has been increasing constantly. A growth rate of 21% was achieved during the year 2000-2001 which was the highest in the last decade.

(b) to (d) As per the data available from Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), Calcutta, the value of exports, imports and trade balance are given as under:

(Value in US $ Million)

Years	Exports	Imports	Trade Balance
1990-91	18145	24072	−5927
2000-01	44560	50537	−5976

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.